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By: **Delegates Marriott and Franchot**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Regulated Firearms - Report of Loss or Theft**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the owner of a regulated firearm, within a certain  
4 period of time, to report to the Secretary of State Police the loss or theft of the  
5 firearm; making it a crime to fail to report the loss or theft; setting penalties in  
6 violation of this Act; and generally relating to lost or stolen firearms.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article - Public Safety  
9 Section 5-144  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (S.B.1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Public Safety**

15 5-144.

16 (A) IF A REGULATED FIREARM IS LOST OR STOLEN, THE OWNER OF THE  
17 REGULATED FIREARM SHALL REPORT THE LOSS OR THEFT TO THE SECRETARY  
18 WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER BECOMING AWARE OF THE LOSS OR THEFT.

19 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
20 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR A  
21 FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2003.